



June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I hope your son/daughter showed you a copy of full written school report, which was sent home with him/her on the last day of last half term. As ever, it contains information on attitude to learning as well as likely outcomes next Summer given current work rate. We will be adjusting home study allocations as appropriate in the coming days based on the contents of the report. Please use the Parent Portal if you would like a digital copy or contact the Sixth Form Office for a duplicate.

I would like to let you know about some important arrangements in the coming weeks:

1. During the last six weeks Year 12 students have had plenty of advice and guidance about university, apprenticeships and other options after Year 13. Your child may have also visited the Higher Education (HE) Fair at Worcester University. Students have also been completing their 'Life After Sixth Form' booklets during tutor time, which are designed to support and guide them through their applications, whatever they may choose to do.

You child is also invited to the Birmingham UCAS Higher Education Exhibition on 26th June where he/she will have the opportunity to talk to representatives from over 100 universities and other HE institutions in the UK and to collect prospectuses so that he/she can continue his/her research into his/her Higher Education options. There are limited places on the visit and the cost is £7.00. The coach will be departing from the bus bay at 8.30 a.m. and returning at approximately 1.00 p.m.

I have also made it clear during assemblies that we expect students to be 'out and about' this half term visiting university and apprenticeship open days. If you are able to, please support your child in making the journeys required. Please also make sure the Sixth Form office knows when and where your child is going so that we can code the registers appropriately.

2. Week commencing Monday 2nd July is 'Year 13 Entrance Exam Week.' This week has been publicised to Year 12 students all the way through this academic year and is incredibly important for two reasons:
 - a. Students whose results indicate they are very likely to get a U grade at the end of Year 13 will be guided to alter their curriculum for Year 13. This will normally involve picking up a new subject (studied alongside next year's Year 12) with a view to entering the AS exams at the end of Year 13. This typically leaves such a student with only 2.5 A Levels, which is not normally sufficient to take a place on a three year university course.
 - b. The grades from the exams are the basis for our 'Predicted Grades' sent to UCAS. If students achieve E and D grades in these exams we will not be in a position to predict them As and Bs (or even Cs) in their UCAS reference.

During this week (and the first two days of the following week (see below)), students are granted study leave and only need to attend for their exams (a timetabled will be published soon). This is with the exception of students in the following subjects, who must attend their normal lessons in those subjects for the duration: Maths (as these students have sat the external AS exams), Art, Applied Science, Interactive Media and Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. Students studying Sport should also attend their normal lessons but will also have an a Sport exam in 'Body Systems' if they did not pass in January.

3. Week commencing Monday 9th July is as follows (for all students):

	Monday (9 th)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM (9am)	Penultimate day of Year 13 Entrance Exams (see above)	Final day of Year 13 Entrance Exams (see above)	Guest speakers on university life, apprenticeships, gap years, student finance etc.	Workshops on writing personal statements and/or CVs (until 12.25).	Personal statement / CV checking process. Students to submit their drafts to their tutor.
PM (1.20pm)			Workshops on signing up to the UCAS website and/or the local and national apprenticeship websites.	Students working independently on producing personal statements / CVs. Students are welcome to do this in school but may do it at home.	Sports Day

4. The final week of term is 'normal' except for the ten students who are on work experience (who will need to ensure they do catch up with the work missed).

On morning of the final day students will be given their results of the 'Year 13 Entrance Exams.' Should a student have either:

- a. Achieved a U grade;
- b. Achieved a grade considerably below what we would expect of them

...he/she will given a time and date to resit the relevant exams on the September INSET days, which are Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th of September. Students in this position will be given feedback on what they need to do to improve.

5. There will be another opportunity to do work experience in November for current Year 12. This will be on the week that contains the two INSET days (w/c 19th November) so students will get a full week of work experience but only miss three days of studying.
6. Students who sat the external AS exams in Maths will be able to collect their results on Thursday 16th August from 8.30am.
7. As always, Year 12 students are actively encouraged to attend the Sixth Form Prom, which is on Friday 29th June at Worcester Rugby Club (Sixways). Tickets are available from the Sixth Form office.

If you have any queries about the above please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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